

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 7, line 29, please amend the paragraph to read:

Figure 1 is a schematic representation of a cross-sectional view of an anode according to one embodiment of the present invention.

Please amend the Abstract to read as follows:

~~An~~ solid oxide fuel cell anode is oxygen tolerant at elevated temperatures through the use of a noble metal catalyst. The anode may be formed of a three-dimensional solid phase having an electrocatalytic noble metal phase of a plurality of noble metal particles and an ion conducting phase of a plurality of ionic conductor particles. The mean size of the noble metal particles are larger than the mean size of the ion conductor particles.